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TITLE OF INVENTION

LANCING UNIT AND LANCING APPARATUS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

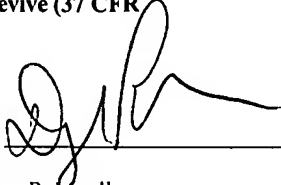
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ A signed oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

## Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information: Application Data Sheet, International Search Report, International Publication Page, PCT/IB/304, 308

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<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a) (1)-(5)):</b>					
[ ] a) Basic National fee.....				\$300.00	\$300.00
[ ] b) Examination fee.....				\$200.00	\$200.00
[ ] c) Search fee.....				\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)		Rate	
61	-100 = 0			X \$250.00	\$0.00
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$0.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	28	-20 = 8	X \$50.00	\$400.00	
Independent claims	3	-3 = 0	X \$200.00	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1,400.00</b>	
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27				\$0.00	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>\$1,400.00</b>	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than [ ] 20 [ ] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				+ \$0.00	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>\$1,400.00</b>	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+ \$40.00	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$1,440.00</b>	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$0.00
				charged	\$0.00
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b. [ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-2725</u> .					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
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Applicant: SAKATA et al.  
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## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

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I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 and is addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal sheet, in duplicate, containing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10.
- ☒ National Stage PCT Patent Application: Spec. 37 pgs; 28 claims; Abstract 1 pg.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below in the 'Claims as Filed' table.
- ☒ 24 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ A signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Assignment of the invention to ARKRAY, Inc., Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1400.00 to cover the Filing Fee
- ☒ A check for \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recording Fee.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 9 reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet, 4 pages.
- ☒ Other: PTO Form 1390, International Search Report, International Publication Page, PCT/IB/304, 308
- ☒ Return postcard

## CLAIMS AS FILED

Number of Claims Filed	No.	In Excess of		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	28	20		8		50	=	400.00
Independent Claims	3	3		0		200	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Fee							=	0.00
Basic Filing Fee							=	300.00
Search Fee							=	200.00
Examination Fee							=	500.00
Utility Application Size Fee	61	100		0		250	=	0.00
Total							=	1400.00

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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DECLARATION

I, kyoko NAKAGAWA, hereby declare:

that I am a translator belonging to KYOWEY INT'L of  
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Japan;

that I am well acquainted with both the Japanese and English  
languages;

that, for entering the national phase of the  
above-identified international application, I have prepared an  
English translation of the Japanese specification and claims  
as originally filed with the Japanese Patent Office (Receiving  
Office); and

that the said English translation corresponds to the said  
Japanese specification and claims to the best of my knowledge.

I also declare that all statements made herein of my  
knowledge are true and that all statements made on information  
and belief are believed to be true; and further that these  
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statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or  
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United States Code, and that such willful false statements may  
jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing  
thereon, or any patent to which this verified statements is  
directed.

Declared at Osaka, Japan on December 10, 2004

By Kyoko NAKAGAWA

Signature

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